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Indictment Handed Down in Theft of Driver License Receipts,

Former Driver License Employee Charged

MONTGOMERY — A 53-year-old Dothan woman was arrested Tuesday and charged with five counts of theft of property in connection with approximately \$40,000 in missing driver license receipts, according to Col. J. Christopher Murphy, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

The arrest of Janice Jackson, a former driver license employee, follows her indictment by a Houston County grand jury. Jackson was charged with one count of first-degree theft and four counts of second-degree theft. Jackson, who worked for 27 years in the Dothan examining office, was dismissed from her job as a driver license supervisor May 29.

Murphy said Public Safety initiated an investigation into the receipt and processing of driver license fees in the Dothan driver license office May 9. He said the investigation was initiated after DPS accounting staff noted irregularities in the depositing of fees received at the Dothan office.

Murphy said the Alabama Bureau of Investigation is conducting the investigation in cooperation with the Examiners of Public Accounts and District Attorney Doug Valeska, whose office presented the case to the grand jury. The investigation is continuing.

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